

# Housing Goal: Preserve affordability and character of housing

## 1. Host an annual Pilsen & Little Village Housing Fair to share information about:

- completing repairs & renovations
- property taxes
- renter's rights
- preserving and expanding home ownership



## 2. Develop a comprehensive plan for land use and infrastructure surrounding the Pink Line that promotes safety and access for Little Village and North Lawndale residents



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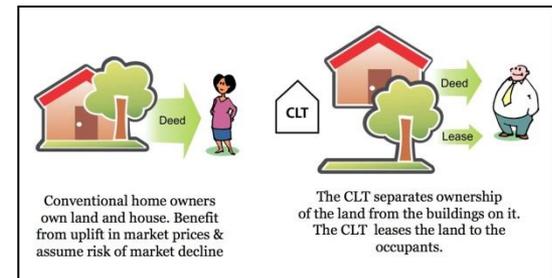
## 2. Tailor existing city housing programs and establish target areas to increase homeownership and maintain affordability for homeowners and renters

*All programs would include income qualifications and requirements to maintain affordability for tenants*

- Programs to assist owners with deferred maintenance
- Programs to provide purchase assistance for prospective homebuyers
- Programs to provide rehab assistance for prospective homebuyers



## 3. Identify parcels and buildings to purchase for placement in a community land trust



# Built Environment Goal: Preserve neighborhood character

1. Reuse and upgrade existing structures wherever possible for housing and local retail



2. Consider new and expanded historic designations to maintain existing buildings and provide additional financial benefits for rehabilitation

2. (a) Work with the Pilsen community to explore a Chicago Historic District to complement the National Historic District

2. (b) Work with the Little Village community to undertake a survey of historic resources and the potential for a historic district
3. Explore the possibility of a mural protection plan



# Retail Goal: Preserve the unique retail environment

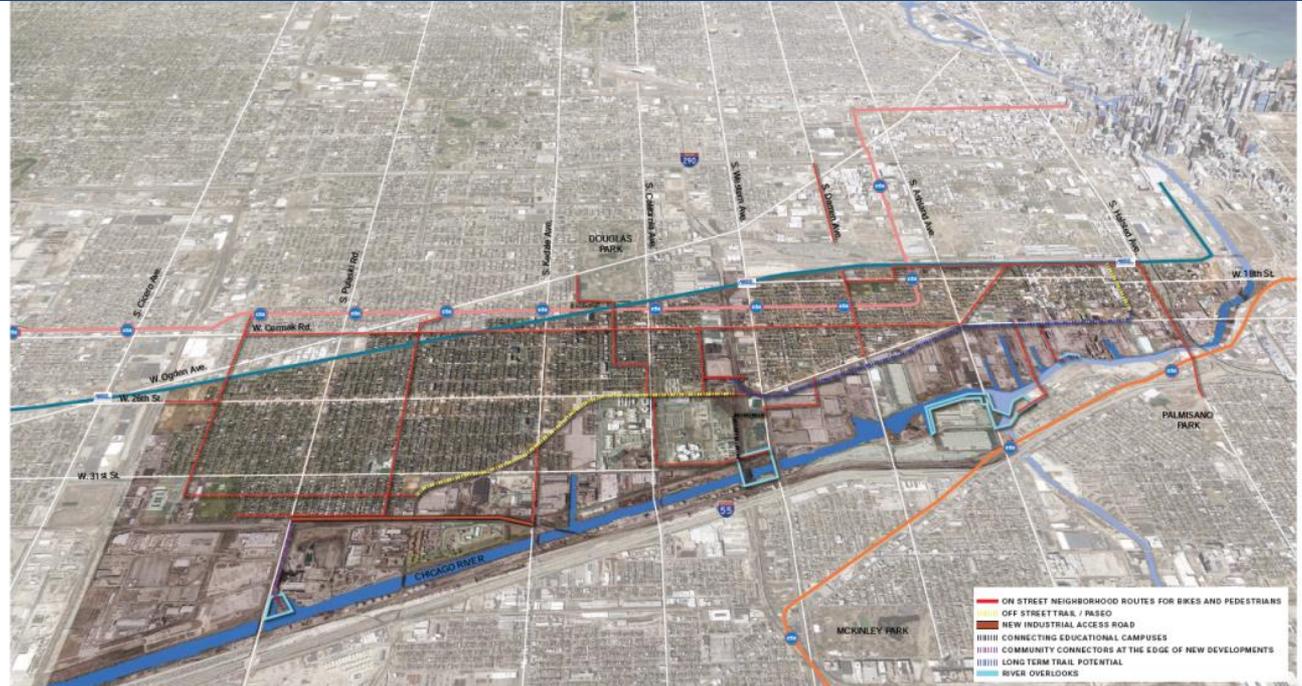
1. Consider supporting and extending Pedestrian Street designations along active commercial corridors to improve the pedestrian environment

2. Support the zoning for corner retail establishments (corner stores)



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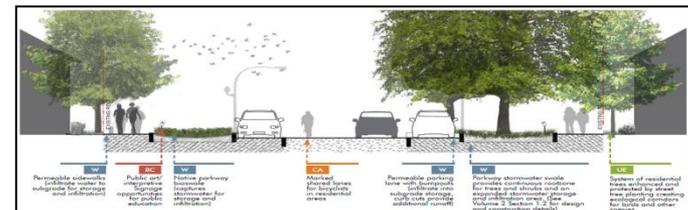
1. Create a comprehensive system of both on-street and off-street routes that connect the two community areas and parallel and provide access to the river



1. (a) Create a system of on-street routes by improving existing streets for safer and more pleasant use by pedestrians and cyclists



Residential Street Before



After

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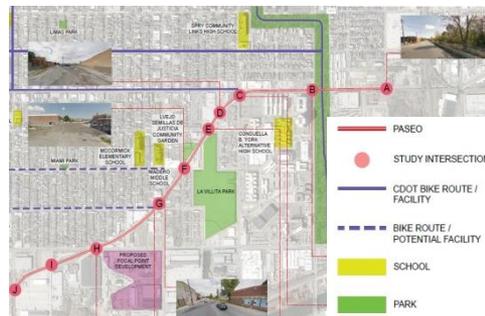
1. (b) Develop a four-mile linear path providing safe pedestrian travel and environmental benefits for Pilsen and Little Village

## Potential Features:

- Cross-generational gathering spaces
- Community gardens and healthy food
- Art, murals, cultural installations
- Walking, bicycling
- Natural areas
- Stormwater management features
- Integrated campus setting along Western Avenue

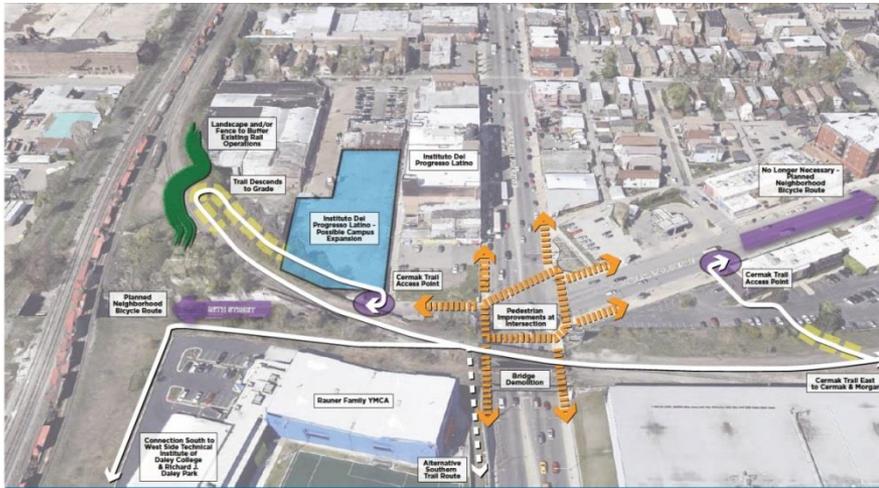
## Sections:

- Sangamon: No rail user - abandonment process underway
- Cermak/Blue Island: One rail user west of Ashland
- Little Village: No rail user - abandonment process underway



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1. (c) Connect the education and recreation campuses located on Western Avenue



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1. (d) Consider 30 foot setback along east side of Pulaski at Crawford site for trail and stormwater management



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- 2. Create destination locations along the South Branch of the Chicago River that can be accessed from the Paseo



2. (a) Consider a public open space at the river as part of the redevelopment of the Crawford site



2. (c) Improve access to and the public space at the river and Western Avenue



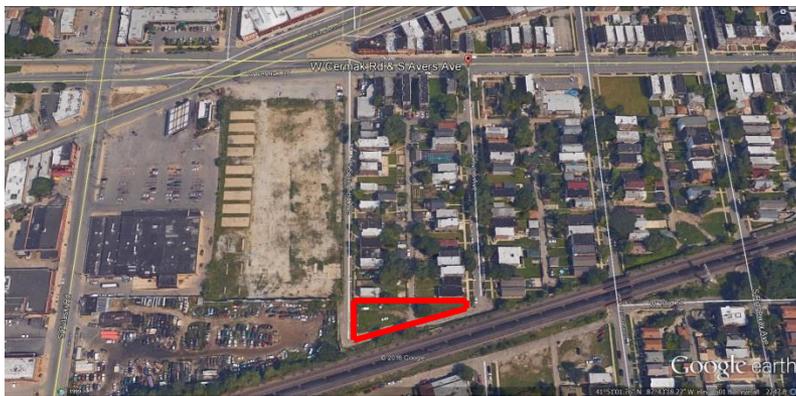
2.(b) Work with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to investigate feasibility of repurposing the Collateral Channel and former oil tank farm for use as a park



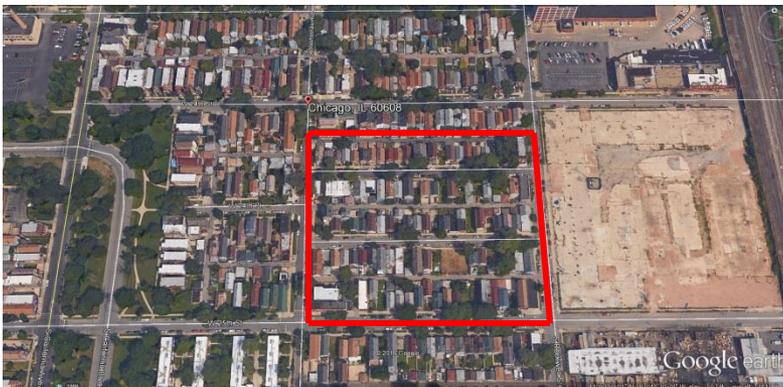
2. (d) Consider improving river edge for habitat within ComEd easement and around adjacent inlet at the end of Throop Street

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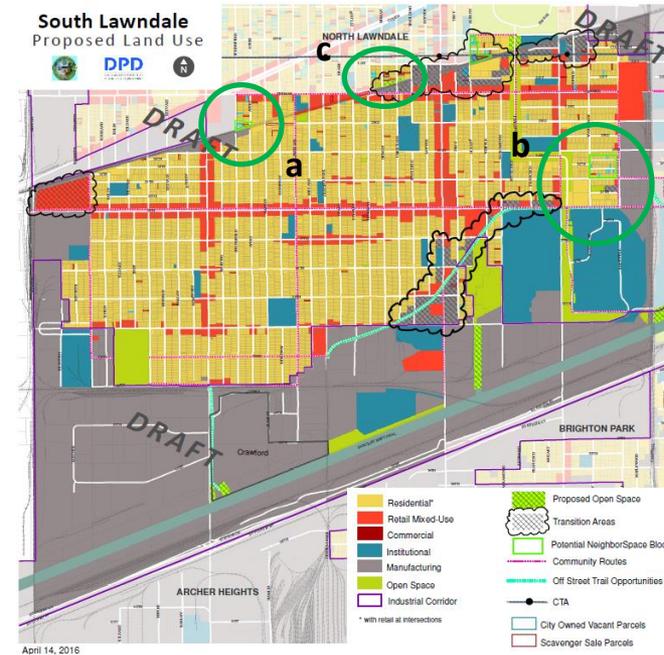
- 3. Use select parcels of city-owned, vacant land to expand existing parks and to create new community managed open spaces



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